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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE - VOLUNTARY VISITORS DE CAROLIS  
AND STERPA (SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 8, 1976)

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1. DE CAROLIS HAS PROVIDED US MORE DETAILED INFORMATION  
CONCERNING TRIP TO U.S. (REFTELS). HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED  
BY EGIDIO STERPA, CITY EDITOR OF MILAN DAILY "IL GIORNALE".  
BOTH ARE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION  
CAMPAIGN.

2. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO DE CAROLIS AND STERPA, AND THEY  
HAVE AGREED, THAT THEY ADVANCE BEGINNING OF THEIR TRIP BY  
TWO DAYS SO AS TO BEGIN IN WASHINGTON. THEY WOULD THUS  
ARRIVE WASHINGTON AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29,  
AND HAVE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY FREE FOR BUSINESS THERE.  
ITINERARY FOR REST OF TRIP SHOULD BE PLANNED BY DEPARTMENT  
FOLLOWING PARTICIPANTS' PREFERENCES AND PRIORITIES AS  
DESCRIBED BELOW. PARI WOULD RETURN TO MILAN OCTOBER 8.

3. PURPOSE OF TRIP FOR DE CAROLIS IS TO OBSERVE  
AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN FIRST-HAND. HE WOULD  
LIKE ABOVE ALL TO ATTEND JIMMY CARTER CAMPAIGN RALLY,  
BUT WOULD BE INTERESTED ALSO IN SEEING REPUBLICAN CAN-  
DIDATE IN ACTION.

4. SECOND PRIORITY FOR DE CAROLIS IS TO OBSERVE CON-  
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GRESSIONAL CAMPAIGNERS. HE WOULD PREFER TO DO THIS

IN SOUTHERN STATES (E.G. GEORGIA) AND, IF POSSIBLE,  
NEW ENGLAND. DE CAROLIS NOT INTERESTED IN NEW YORK,  
SINCE HE HAS BEEN THERE MANY TIMES.

5. IN WASHINGTON, DE CAROLIS HOPES TO SEE SENIOR OFFICIALS  
AT DEPARTMENT AND, IF POSSIBLE, CALL ON MEMBERS OF  
CONGRESS.

6. EGIDIO STERPA HAS TOLD US HE WILL BE DOING SERIES  
OF ARTICLES FOR IL GIORNALE ON U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.  
HE IS MOST INTERESTED IN SEEING CARTER CAMPAIGN AND IN  
INTERVIEWING CANDIDATE CARTER HIMSELF, AS WELL AS INFLU-  
ENTIAL MEMBERS OF CARTER ENTOURAGE. STERPA WILL KEEP  
SAME SCHEDULE AS DE CAROLIS.

7. IN LIGHT OF FRIENDLY POSITION OF IL GIORNALE TOWARD  
UNITED STATES POLICY GENERALLY, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE  
USEFUL TO ASSIST STERPA TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, BOTH IN  
ORDER TO IMPROVE HIS CHANCES OF COMING AWAY WITH ACCURATE  
AND BALANCED PICTURE OF CAMPAIGN AND ALSO TO SHOW  
APPRECIATION FOR IL GIORNALE EDITORIAL POLICY. DEPARTMENT  
MAY WANT, THEREFORE, TO ARRANGE MEETNGS FOR STERPA IN  
WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE WITH PEOPLE WHO MIGHT INCLUDE  
WELL-INFORMED POLITICAL JOURNALISTS AND COMMENTATORS, POLL-  
ING EXPERTS, AND ACADEMICS AS WELL AS CAMPAIGN PARTICI-  
PANTS THEMSELVES. SINCE STERPA AND DE CAROLIS OBVIOUSLY  
ON VERY FRIENDLY TERMS, AND WHERE THEIR INTERESTS COIN-  
CIDE, APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR BOTH RATHER THAN  
SEPARATELY.

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